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August 8th, 1961. Soviet Premier Nikita Krushchev's suggestion for East-West talks on the fate of Berlin was rejected. The war crimes trial of Adolf Eichmann was coming to an end. The US was finally pushing ahead of the Soviets in the space race. Queen Elizabeth became the first UK ruler to visit Northern Ireland since 1690. The Hamilton Tiger-Cats of the Canadian Football League startled the US by defeating the Buffalo Bills 38-21 in an exhibition football game.

And *Fantastic Four #1* by Stan Lee, Jack Kirby, & George Klein was released.

Marvel can't do much about all those other news notes from August 8th, 1961, but they can certainly commemorate the launch of the book that launched the Marvel Age of Comics. That's why they're releasing their new *Fantastic Four #1* on August 8th, 2018—the 57th anniversary of the debut of that Silver Age classic.

This is the book fans have been requesting ever since the original series

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scheduled for FF #s 1–4); an open-order wraparound connecting variant cover by Arthur Adams; an open-order “Return of the Fantastic Four” variant by Mark Brooks; four gated portrait variants by Stanley “Artgerm” Lau; a gated “Venomized” variant by Simone Bianchi; a gated blank variant; and a classic, ultra-limited remastered cover by George Pérez, offered as both a 1-for-500 color variant and a 1-for-1000 black-and-white variant. And if you need something to store them in, there’s a *Fantastic Four Illustrated Comic Book Storage Box*.

But wait—there’s more!



In honor of the House that Stan and Jack Built, Marvel is also offering a *Fantastic Four #1 Facsimile*, presenting that classic comic just as it originally appeared on August 8th, 1961—ads and all. Marvel is also adding some appropriately fantastic extras, which expands the 32-page original comic to a 48-page

“enhanced facsimile” edition.

And for those of you who, like us at CSN, picture Jack



Kirby’s art whenever you hear mention of the Fantastic Four, Marvel is also offering a special *Fantastic Four by Jack Kirby Classic Poster*—but you won’t have to wait until August 8th to decorate your walls with Kirby’s art, since the poster is slated for July 4th release.

Add to that the twenty *Fantastic Four*–themed variants we told you about in last week’s CSN; the continuing *Marvel 2-In-One* series starring Ben and Johnny; and the amazing array of trade paperbacks, hardcovers, and omnibus editions forthcoming in the next few months, and *Fantastic Four* fans will have no shortage of FF-themed material to choose from!

by **Cliff Biggers**



ended with the release of *Fantastic Four #645* way back in April of 2015. And that’s why Marvel is celebrating the return of the series as an event!

The new *Fantastic Four #1* by Dan Slott & Sara Pichelli will be offered with more than a dozen covers, some as rare as 1-for-1000 ratio variants. In addition to the main cover by Esad Ribic, there will be a 1-for-100 virgin art variant cover by Ribic; a gated premiere variant cover by Ribic (gated covers are available only to comic shops that order three times as many copies of *FF #1* as they ordered of *Avengers #3*); a 1-for-10 variant cover by Sara Pichelli; a 1-for-50 variant cover by Alex Ross; a 1-for-25 variant cover by Emanuela Lupacchino; a gated variant cover by Skottie Young (the first of four Young variants



Courtesy of your friendly neighborhood comics outlet!

Coming Comics— DC in August

Bodies fall from the sky, and buildings burn around the City of Tomorrow in *Action Comics* #1002 (by Brian Michael Bendis & Patrick Gleason). Even Superman must wonder how well he knows the city he protects as an unknown criminal element begins to rise throughout Metropolis.



The Super Sons are back in *Adventures of the Super Sons* #1 (by Peter J. Tomasi, Carlo Barberi, & Art Thibert), spotlighting the lost and secret adventures of Damian Wayne (Robin) and Jon Kent (Superboy) in this flashback mini-series that takes a deep dive into the bombastic bromance between the sons of the DC Universe's greatest heroes. It's an epic dual storyline that transcends current events, as Superboy and Robin find themselves targets of an interstellar team of young badasses called the Gang.

"Sink Atlantis" runs through *Suicide Squad* #45 (by Rob Williams, Dan Abnett, & Jose Luis) and *Aquaman* #39 (by Dan Abnett, Rob Williams, & Vicente Cifuentes). After Aquaman's undersea kingdom rises to become a world power of the surface, the Suicide Squad must infiltrate the city and send it back to the depths... or die trying. But sinking Aquaman's city isn't Task Force X's only objective in Atlantis. There's something buried there that Amanda Waller wants, and this is her chance to claim it.

During a high-speed chase with murderous art thief Grotesque, the villain knocks out Batgirl with a souped-up stun gun that temporarily fries the device implanted in her

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spine—you know, that thing that helps her, you know, walk and be Batgirl? Babs finds herself in for a whole new world of hurt now that old wounds have been opened up in *Batgirl* #26 (by Mairghread Scott & Paul Pelletier).

Sibling rivalry takes on a whole new meaning in *Batgirl Annual* #2 (by Mairghread Scott & Elena Casagrande), which tracks Batgirl's hunt for a serial killer whose MO strikes a familiar chord. Namely, a disturbing similarity to her brother, current convict James Gordon Jr...

The jury in the Mr Freeze trial is hopelessly deadlocked because one man won't vote guilty in *Batman* #52 (by Tom King & Lee Weeks)—and that man is Bruce Wayne. Freeze's defense is that Batman used excessive force, making his arrest illegal, and Bruce is the one man who actually knows for sure what went down between Batman and his ice-cold nemesis. And if Bruce is right, that means everything he's devoted himself to as the Caped Crusader is a lie...

Batman's been overseeing Gotham City for years now and isn't sure how much of a differ-

ence he's making. Doubt, fear, and insecurity are starting to take over. And as all of those negative feelings set in, the Scarecrow orchestrates a riot at Arkham Asylum to give the Dark Knight one of his greatest challenges yet in *Batman: Kings of Fear* #1 (by Scott Peterson & Kelley Jones).

Batman and the Justice League Manga Volume 1 TP (by Shiori Teshirogi) focuses on a young boy who comes to Gotham City from Japan. He's trying to solve the mystery of what happened to his scientist parents after their disappearance following a factory explosion a year earlier. As it turns out, the factory was owned by Lex Luthor, who has now teamed with the Joker. Together, they plan on using the research of the boy's parents to tap into a mystical, all-powerful, worldwide energy source. But for what purpose? It's a bigger challenge than Batman can handle on his own, so he's going to need some help from the League.

In *Batwoman* #18 (the series finale by Marguerite Bennett & Fernando Blanco), Batwoman teams with Renee Montoya to thwart Clock King's latest time-bending enterprise: selling a drug that allows criminals to know if their crime will be successful—before it's committed. But Batwoman's facing a quandary to boot: take this drug off the street, or use it herself to stop crime? The only fight tougher is the personal one: Should Kate and Renee give their relationship another chance?

Gotham's a toxic litter box for Selina Kyle in *Catwoman* #2 (by Joëlle Jones), so she hits the road looking to clear the air, change her look, and clear her name, too—there's a copycat burglar swiping her MO who needs sorting out. In her hometown, Catwoman runs afoul of a crime boss who's also hunting this impostor.

The Young Animal line comes to an end this month with *Cave Carson Has an Interstellar Eye* #6, *Eternity Girl* #6, *Mother Panic: Gotham AD* #6, and *Shade: The Changing Woman* #6.

The Salesman's ledger brings Joe and Annie to another mysterious town that he's destroyed in *The Curse of Brimstone* #5 (by Philip Tan & Justin Jordan), this time leaving it populated only by kids. So what happened to all the adults? You'd have to ask the town's leader, Slackjaw... but you're not gonna like the answer!

Laid up in a hospital recu-



perating till he can become Damage again, Ethan Avery gets help from a surprising source: the Unknown Soldier, master of covert warfare! The Soldier helps Ethan evade Colonel Jonas and her military ops team until his powers recharge, but time's running out—not just for Ethan, but for the other patients as well—in *Damage* #8 (by Robert Venditti & Trevor Hairsine).

Damage's earliest origins are revealed in *Damage Annual* #1 (by Robert Venditti & Aaron Lopresti), which delves into what made soldier Ethan Avery volunteer to become the monstrous, living weapon of mass destruction.

DC presents four new DC/Looney Tunes crossover oneshots in August: *Catwoman/Tweety and Sylvester Special* #1 (by Gail Simone & Inaki Miranda), *Harley Quinn/Gossamer Special* #1 (by Jimmy Palmiotti, Amanda Conner, & Pier Brito), *The Joker/Daffy Duck Special* #1 (by Scott Lobdell, Brett Booth, & Norm Rapmund), and *Lex Luthor/Porky Pig Special* #1 (by Mark Russell, Brad Walker, & Andrew Hennessy). Each 48-page issue will feature a full-length lead story and a backup tale. (See last week's CSN for more info on these crossover specials.)



SPIDER-MAN

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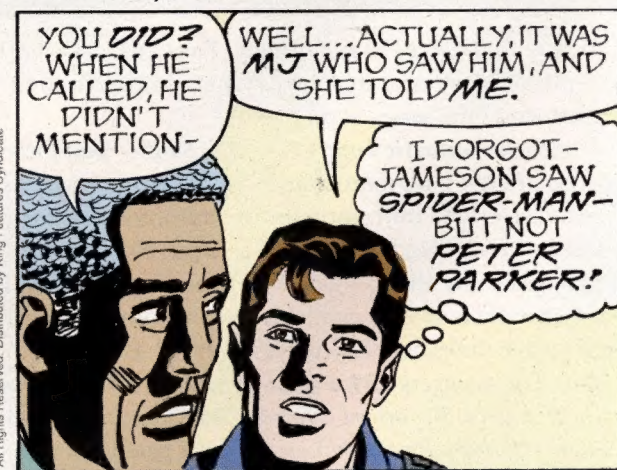
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Mera is the new girl at Super Hero High, and when Wonder Woman takes Mera under her wing, Wonder Woman's best friend Bumblebee is overcome with jealousy in *DC Super Hero Girls: The Search for Atlantis TP* (by Shea Fontana & Yancey Labat). Despite her feelings, Bumblebee accompanies Mera and the Super Hero Girls on a field trip to Atlantis. But when they arrive, they discover that Brainiac has shrunk and stolen Atlantis with the Atlanteans trapped inside!

Deathstroke #34 (by Christopher Priest, Carlo Pagulayan, & Jason Paz) finds Batman and Deathstroke locked in the Batcave, forced to resolve their differences—or die trying! The showdown only turns saltier when the feds seize Bruce Wayne's assets, including Wayne Manor, after Slade drops a dime. And Deathstroke shows Batman he's not the only detective in town, as Slade closes in on the mystery of his relationship with Robin.

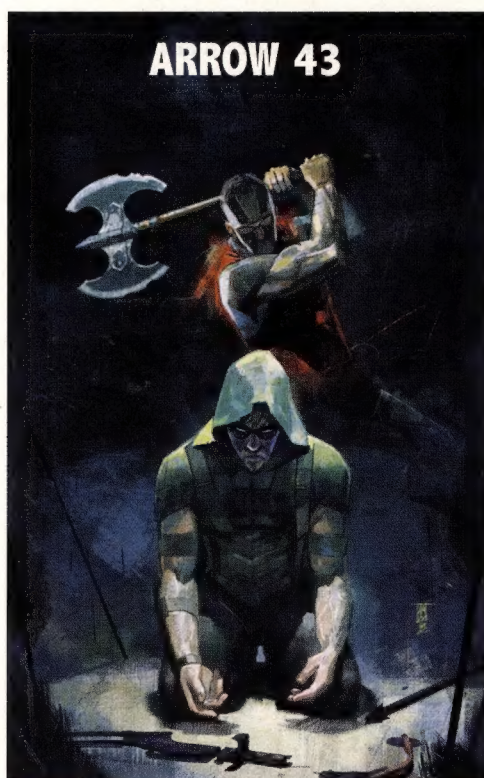
Black Lightning, the Signal, and Cassandra Cain face off against a foe who can tap directly into their worst emotions in *Detective Comics #986* (by Bryan Hill & Philippe Briones). When you've seen the kinds of horrors these poor souls have, there's plenty of trauma to work with... and with that, you can turn these heroes into deadly weapons! Meanwhile Batman's "side project" has been revealed—what are the Brainiac Files, and what, exactly, does Batman plan to do with them?

MAD Magazine presents a 100% Unauthorized Parody of *Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus* in *Don't Let the Penguin Drive the Batmobile* (by Jacob Lambert & Tom Richmond).

While Batman is busy fighting crime on the mean streets of Gotham City, it's up to us to keep an eye on the Batmobile. The only problem? The Penguin really, really wants to drive it!

In *The Flash #52* (by Joshua Williamson & Christian Duce), Barry Allen races to the House of Heroes at the center of the Multiverse to meet with the Flashes of 52 worlds for info on the new forces he's recently encountered. Meanwhile, back in Central City, Trickster's turning informant against Warden Wolfe, but that brings about a sneak attack that Barry and the time-lost Commander Cold must team up to stop.

Seattle's in for a serious shake-up in *Green Arrow #43* (by Julie Benson, Shawna Benson, & Javier Fernandez) when Green Arrow crosses



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quivers with a new vigilante "hero" dubbed the Citizen, who's hell-bent on exposing the corrupt and criminal one-percenters operating in the Emerald City. Green Arrow initially applauds these efforts, until the Citizen turns judge, jury, and executioner.

The Green Lanterns find themselves outgunned, outmatched, and in over their heads when the Corps rings begin to malfunction in *Green Lanterns #52* (by Dan Jurgens & Mike Perkins).



Witness one of the biggest battles the Green Lantern Corps has ever fought in *Hal Jordan and the Green Lantern Corps #50* (by Robert Venditti & Rafa Sandoval), the final issue of the series. John Stewart issues a dramatic order: no lethal force! The Green Lanterns need to prove that they can keep law and order in the universe without killing. Elsewhere, Hal Jordan faces down Tomar-Tu, and looks to use the Darkstars' armor as a weapon against them—with some psychic help from Hector Hammond.

Harley's trapped on Darkseid's homeworld in *Harley Quinn #47* (by Sam Humphries & John Timms), having failed to become a Female Fury under Granny Goodness' tutelage. Trapped in a "reeducation chamber" that threatens to destroy her free will, Harley must dig deep to throw off the alien shackles and get back to Earth.

While searching for the next puzzle piece in his mission to save the universe, Hawkman takes flight and winds up fighting rampaging thunder lizards on Dinosaur Island in *Hawkman #3* (by Robert Venditti & Bryan Hitch). Recovering from the battle, Hawkman discovers a race of bird people, who force him to

fight to prove he's the one true Hawkman. That all leads to the next location on his mission, and he's transported across the galaxy to the last place—and person—he expected to find.

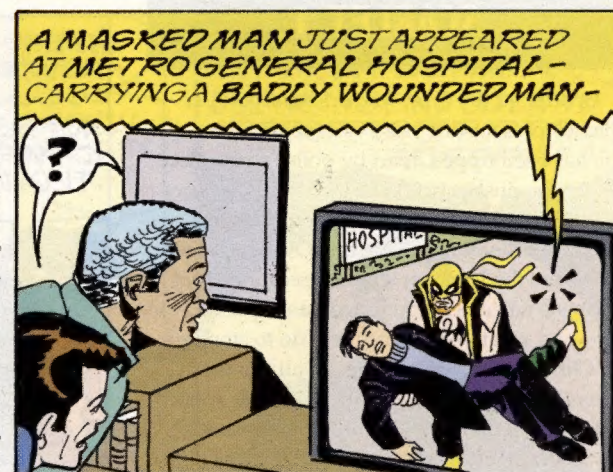
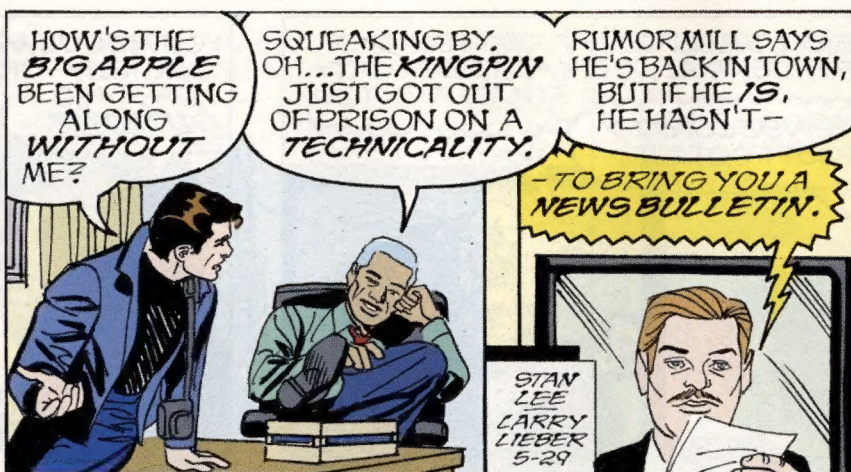
Caden Park comes to grips with his immortal lineage in *The Immortal Men #5* (by James Tynion IV & Tyler Kirkham) as the Immortal Men must battle an unstoppable army of their fellow immortals in a floating war-city miles above New York City.

In *Injustice vs the Masters of the Universe #2* (by Tim Seeley & Freddie E. Williams II), He-Man comes to his mother's home-world to save it from a despotic ruler: Superman!

Lex Luthor's back in the present just trying to live his best life after seeing what the future could have held for him. Luthor's new mantra? "Embrace Your Doom!" So, in *Justice League #5* (by guest-writer James Tynion IV and artists Doug Mahnke & Jaime Mendoza) and *Justice League #6* (by Scott Snyder & Jorge Jimenez), he's rounding up a new Legion of Doom to go on a cosmic wilding and establish himself as the biggest baddie in the DCU.

Plagued by a rash of otherworldly resurrections, the new team begins scouring the shadowy corners of the DCU looking for leads in *Justice League Dark #2* (by James Tynion IV, Alvaro Martinez, & Raul Fernandez). Turns out, this latest mystery ties back to the Tree of Wonder, which serves as a doorway from the Realm of Magic to our world, and the Upside Down Man is just the first of many all-powerful mystic entities looking for a new haunt.

In *Justice League Odyssey #2* (by Joshua Williamson & Stjepan Sejic), Cyborg, Starfire, Green Lantern Jessica Cruz, and Azrael debate



whether so-called "God of Evil" Darkseid should have joined the team. But before the team can resolve this conflict, they're forced into action when Vril Dox takes an interest in the Coluan refugees, attacking their ship with a new Manhunter army of his own creation.



Darkseid approaches Mister Miracle with a devilish proposition in *Mister Miracle #11* (by Tom King & Mitch Gerads): If Scott sends his newborn son to Apokolips, there will be peace on New Genesis. But since when has Darkseid been famous for his honesty?!

The Challengers tackle undead barbarians and a zombie-dinosaur stampede in otherworldly Skartaris in *New Challengers #4* (by Scott Snyder, Aaron Gillespie, & V. Ken Marion).

Major tech upgrades coming to Blüdhaven mean deadly danger for everyone in the city, in *Nightwing #47* (by Benjamin Percy, Chris Mooneyham, & Klaus Janson). Nightwing battles the mysterious tech mogul Willem Cloke, who it turns out is just a front man for the real threat—the organization known only as the Dark Web! Then Nightwing travels to Gotham to join forces with Vicki Vale as they confront the Dark Web in Gotham, in *Nightwing Annual #1* (by Benjamin Percy & Otto Schmidt).

Pearl #1 (by Brian Michael Bendis & Michael Gaydos) begins the story of an exceptional tattoo artist and accidental assassin for one of the modern-day San Francisco Yakuza. She was born into one life, but another is calling to her. When Pearl accidentally meets one of her peers, her doppelgänger from another clan, she starts to dream of a better life. But Pearl has a very special ability that keeps pulling her back into the violent world she is desperate to escape.

Eel went looking for a kid, but he finds a Man-Bat instead in *Plastic Man* #3 (by Gail Simone & Adriana Melo)—a Man-Bat brought him not only to the kid, but also to the lair of the secret society that needs Plastic Man to stop asking inconvenient questions.

In *Red Hood and the Outlaws* #25 (by Scott Lobdell & Dexter Soy), Batman takes on Red Hood for the right to fight in Gotham. Then Red Hood and Arsenal are back together again—sort of—in *Red Hood and the Outlaws Annual* #2 (by Scott Lobdell & Clayton Henry).

From the mind of *New York Times* #1 best-selling author Neil Gaiman comes a new world filled with dreams, nightmares, and wonderful characters living together in a shared universe for a new story unlike anything we've ever seen before—and it all begins in *The Sandman Universe* #1 (by Si Spurrier, Nalo Hopkinson, Kat Howard, Dan Watters, Bilquis Evely, Dominki "Domo" Stanton, Tom Fowler, Max Fiumara, & Sebastian Fiumara), which lays the groundwork for a quartet of new series beginning in September and October. A rift between worlds has opened, revealing a space beyond the Dreaming. Meanwhile, a book from Lucien's library is discovered by a group of children in the waking world where it should not exist. Lucien calls for Matthew the Raven to seek out their master, Daniel, Lord of Dreams. As Matthew flies across the Waking World and others, he finds a young boy named Timothy Hunter who, in his dreams, has become the world's most powerful magician—but in his nightmares he is the world's greatest villain. A new House has appeared in the realm of the Dreaming: the House of Whispers, with its proprietor, a fortune-teller called Erzulie. And elsewhere, Lucifer has fallen again, only this time he might be trapped in a Hell of his own design.



SCARLET 1

Scarlet #1 (by Brian Michael Bendis & Alex Maleev) presents the story of a woman whose life has been ripped apart by police corruption. When she pushes back, she starts a chain reaction of events that will bring about the next American Revolution. The first DC issue picks up where the Icon run left off, revealing what happens when one young woman is pushed too far—and what one country will do to stop her.

Cliffy is torn between his loyalty to the recently returned Scrappy-Doo and his friendship with Scooby in *Scooby Apocalypse* #28 (by Keith Giffen, JM DeMatteis, & Patrick Olliffe).

SIDEWAYS 7



Reeling from a great personal tragedy, Derek rejects his friends and family on an epic journey into the Dark Multiverse with the Seven Soldiers in *Sideways* #7 (by Dan DiDio & Kenneth Rocafort). With one member lost, the remaining Soldiers need Sideways to guide them into uncharted territory as they confront the deadly challenge of the Sheeda!

Silencer races to stop Talia al Ghul's loyalists from reviving her in a Lazarus Pit in *The Silencer* #8 (by Dan Abnett & Patch Zircher), but she's got two heavy hitters on her tail: meta-hitman Quietus and mystical psycho Wishbone, who's about to unleash some body-swapping shenanigans on everyone involved with this caper. Then Silencer visits Gotham City in *Silencer Annual* #1 (by Dan Abnett & Jack Herbert), but she's not there to see the sights—she's there to shut down Talia al Ghul's latest secret weapons plant.

Thrown together to apprehend an escaped inmate, Solomon Grundy, Rag Doll, and Merlyn head into the muck surrounding Belle Reve in *Suicide Squad Annual* #1 (by Cullen Bunn & Ronan Cliquet), but no one is prepared for a meeting with the Swamp Thing.

Mourning the loss of the Kryptonians wiped out by Rogol Zaar, Supergirl decides to play detective and sets off into deep space to learn more about the would-be usurper in *Supergirl* #21 (by Marc Andreyko & Kevin Maguire). Using whatever tech she can scrounge, Supergirl builds a star cruiser, and after intel from Green Lantern, she blasts off into the cosmos with Rogol Zaar's deadly axe to solve the mystery—along with a traveling companion you won't believe!

The world begins to succumb to the effects of the entire planet's having been moved into the lifeless realm known as the Phantom Zone, in *Superman* #2 (by Brian Michael Bendis, Ivan Reis, & Joe Prado). As Superman works with the World's Greatest Heroes, an old enemy trapped in the same prison tries to stop the Man of Steel and escape.

The Teen Titans take on longtime antagonist Gizmo, whose neighborhood toy store secretly serves as a front for his arms-dealing business, in *Teen Titans* #21 (by Adam Glass & Bernard Chang).

To cure themselves of the Dark Energy bond that's gripped them, the Terrifics use the Dark Multiverse antenna to track down the one man who can help them—Tom Strong—in *The Terrifics* #7 (by Jeff Lemire & Dale Eaglesham).

Nightwing and Miss Martian butt heads over the team's MO in *Titans* #24 (by Dan Abnett & Brandon Peterson) as the fate of the latest metahuman hangs in the balance! They'd better get their act together, because one of the Titans won't be coming home from this Source Wall mission...

Thanagarian demon Onimar Synn stands prepared to wipe out everyone on Earth to get his claws on the vibroactive Nth metal accidentally created by Neon the Unknown and the Unexpected. Is this new version of Nth metal the most powerful weapon in the galaxy? Find out in *The Unexpected* #3 (by Steve Orlando & Cary Nord).



At the behest of Aztek, Diana and Artemis join her for a trip to Mexico in *Wonder Woman* #52 (by Steve Orlando & ACO), but there's no sightseeing on the agenda. Instead, they must rescue a long-lost Amazon who's being held

captive by rogue deity Tezcatlipoca, who's trying to break into our world.

DC collected editions (advance solicited for September and October release) include:

- *Action Comics* #1000: *The Deluxe Edition HC*, a 160-page hardcover that includes all the stories from *Action* #1000, plus the Paul Levitz–Neal Adams story from *Action Comics: 80 Years of Superman*, as well as all the variant covers, design sketches, scripts, and more.

- *Batman: The Dark Knight Returns* (DC Modern Classics Edition) HC, a hardcover edition in a handsome slipcase.

- *Batman: Prelude to Knightfall TP*, collecting *Batman: Vengeance of Bane* #1, *Batman* #s 484–491, and *Detective Comics* #s 654–658.

- *Batman: Knightfall Volume 1: The 25th Anniversary Edition TP*, a "recut" version of the *Knightfall* saga that includes *Batman* #s 492–497, *Detective Comics* #s 659–663 and *Batman: Villains Secret Files* #1.

- *Batman: Knightfall Volume 2: The 25th Anniversary Edition TP*, a "recut" edition that includes *Detective Comics* #s 664–666, *Showcase '93* #s 7–8, *Batman* #s 498–500, and *Batman: Shadow of the Bat* #s 16–18.

- *Batman: Knightquest—The Crusade Volume 1 TP*, a "recut" edition that includes *Detective Comics* #s 667–670, *Robin* #s 1–2, *Batman: Shadow of the Bat* #s 19–20, *Batman* #s 501–504, and *Catwoman* #s 6–7.

- *Bane: Conquest TP*, collecting the twelve-issue series.

- *Batman: The Golden Age Volume 5 TP*, collecting stories from *Detective Comics* #s 75–81, *Batman* #s 16–20, and *World's Finest Comics* #s 10–11.

- *Batman: Detective Comics Volume 7—Batmen Eternal TP*, collecting *Detective* #s 975–981.

- *All-Star Batman Volume 3: The First Ally TP*, collecting *All-Star Batman* #s 10–14.

- *Batman: The Gates of Gotham Deluxe Edition HC*, collecting the five-issue miniseries plus stories from *Batman Annual* #28 & *Detective Annual* #12.

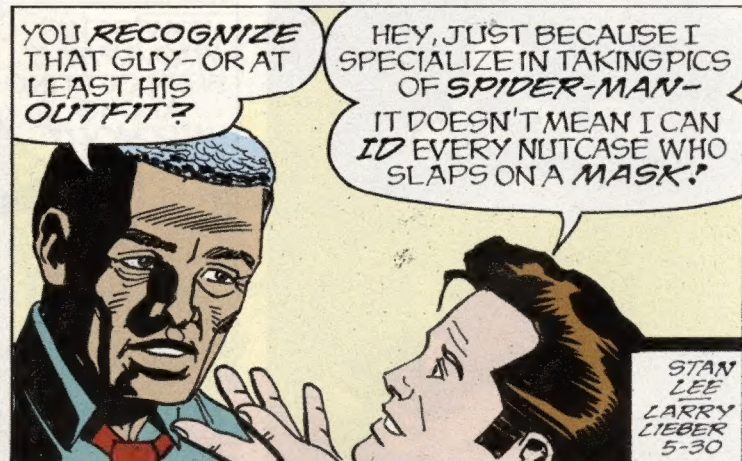
- *Batman: The Court of Owls Saga—The Essential Edition TP*, collecting *Batman* #s 1–11 as well as bonus material including sketches, scripts, design concepts, and variant covers.

- *Batman: Hush Unwrapped HC*, featuring *Batman* #608–619 in pencil form with lettering.

- *Batman: Preludes to the Wedding TP*, collecting *Robin vs Ra's al Ghul* #1, *Nightwing vs Hush* #1, *Batgirl vs the Riddler* #1, *Red Hood vs Anarky* #1, and *Harley Quinn vs the Joker* #1.

- *Batman/Catwoman: The Wedding Album—The Deluxe Edition HC*, collecting *Batman* #s 24, 44, & 50, plus the retailer variant covers from *Batman* #50, wedding dress designs by Joëlle Jones, the script to issue #44, and more.

- *Before Watchmen Omnibus HC*, collecting the *Before Watchmen* miniseries *Comedian* #s 1–6,



Rorschach #s 1-4, Minutemen #s 1-6, Silk Spectre #s 1-4, Nite Owl #s 1-4, Dr Manhattan #s 1-4, Moloch #s 1-2, Ozymandias #s 1-6, Crimson Corsair #1, and Dollar Bill #1.

• **Damage Volume 1: Out of Control TP**, collecting *Damage* #s 1-6.

• **Dark Knight III: The Master Race TP**, collecting the nine-issue series with each issue's mini-comic presented at the same size.

• **The Flash Volume 7: Perfect Storm TP**, collecting *The Flash* #s 39-45.

• **Hal Jordan and the Green Lantern Corps Volume 6—Zod's Will TP**, collecting *Hal Jordan and the Green Lantern Corps* #s 37-41.



Coming in December 2018 from DC Collectibles

• **DC Artist's Alley: Batgirl by Sho Murase Designer Vinyl Figure**, limited to 3,000 individually numbered pieces and packaged with prints featuring the original artwork the figure is based on. There is also a **Holiday Variant Figure** limited to 500 pieces.

• **DC Artist's Alley: The Flash by Chris Uminga Designer Vinyl Figure**, limited to 3,000 individually numbered pieces and packaged with prints featuring the original artwork the figure is based on. There is also a **Black & White Variant Figure** limited to 500 pieces.

• **DC Artist's Alley: Nightwing by Hainanu "Nooligan" Saulque Designer Figure**, limited to 3,000 individually numbered pieces and packaged with prints featuring the original artwork the figure is based on. There is also a **Black & White Variant Figure** limited to 500 pieces.

• **DC Essentials Shazam! & Black Adam Action Figure 2-Pack**, featuring a pair of highly articulated 7" figures.

• **Batman Black & White Batman by Jiro Kuwata Statue**, based on Kuwata's design from the seminal 1960s *Batmanga* series.

Coming Comics—Boom! in August

Among their organization, the Black Badges are the elite, the best of the best. They are feared even by the other badges. The missions they take are dangerous, and they will only get worse as their leader's attention is split between their mission and tracking down a lost team member—a member who disappeared years ago, presumed dead. See what happens in *Black Badge #1* (by Matt Kindt & Tyler Jenkins).

When the water supply of Fraggles will have to journey deep into the caves of Fraggles Rock to find the fabled Everspring in *Jim Henson's Fraggles Rock: Journey to Everspring* (by Kate Leth & Jake Myler).

When the Janes start to become separated during an orienteering outing, thanks to a mysterious compass, Molly becomes more and more insecure about the effect of her relationship with Mal on the other girls in *Lumberjanes: The Infernal Compass*, an original graphic novel by Lilah Sturges & polterpink. Meanwhile, a lonely woman explorer is trying to steal the compass, with the help of some weirdly polite automaton butlers.

When the question of a couples costume for the Midsummer Masquerade throws Mal and Molly's relationship into disarray, the rest of the Lumberjanes scramble to help them in *Lumberjanes 2018 Special* (by Nicole Andelfinger, Maddi Gonzalez, & Brittney Williams). And of course now all the decorations are starting to disappear...

Witness the team up of every Ranger left standing against the unrivaled power of Drakkon in *Mighty Morphin Power Rangers #30* (by Kyle Higgins & Daniele Di Nicuolo), while a covert team led by Grace embarks on what might be its last mission ever.

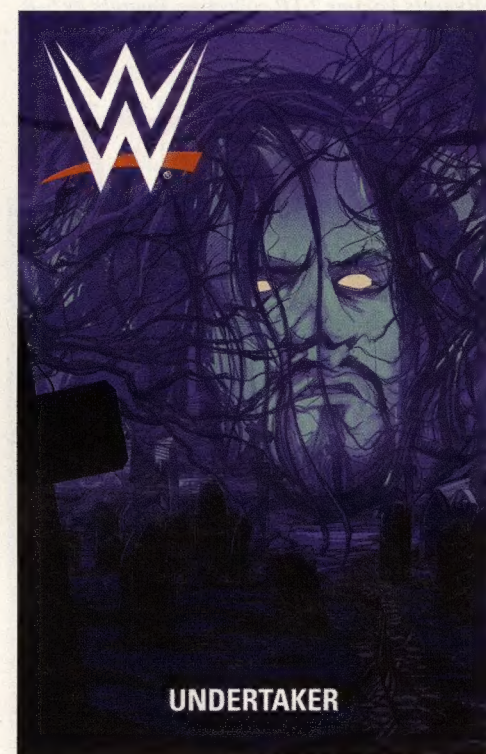
Don't miss the epic conclusion to the first Power Rangers comic book event in *Mighty Morphin Power Rangers: Shattered Grid #1* (by Kyle Higgins & Daniele Di Nicuolo). Everything changes here!

The Rangers team up with an unlikely ally to battle Rita's new monster as the Ranger Slayer inches ever further towards her goal in



Saban's Go Go Power Rangers #12 (by Ryan Parrott & Dan Mora).

As Steven helps Sadie cope with quitting her job at the Big Donut and losing Lars, Steven and the Gems must work together to deactivate an old Diamond Authority artifact called the Harmony Core before it destroys Earth in *Steven Universe: Harmony* (by SM VIDAURI & MOLLIE ROSE).



The Dead Man. The Phenom. The Legend who dominated Sports Entertainment for over twenty-five years. For the first time, the unrivaled career of the Undertaker is chronicled in *WWE: Undertaker*, an original graphic novel by Chad Dundas & Rodrigo Lorenzo.

WWE: Attitude Era 2018 Special presents untold stories of the WWE, including tales looking at Stone Cold Steve Austin; the rivalry between the Brothers of Destruction, Undertaker, and Kane; and DX's infamous invasion of a certain wrestling program "down South."

Boom! collected editions (advance solicited for September and October release) include:

- **Abbott TP**, collecting *Abbott* #s 1-5.
- **Adventure Time: Beginning of the End TP**, collecting the three-issue series, along with a never-before-published bonus chapter.
- **Amazing World of Gumball 2018 Grab Bag**, collecting shorts from *The Amazing World of Gumball*.
- **Dodge City TP**, collecting *Dodge City* #s 1-4.
- **Garfield Snack Pack Volume 1 TP**, collecting some of Garfield's wildest adventures, including Garfield's team up with Pet Force, meeting a cat even more annoying than Nermal, and a Holiday showdown with the Lasagna Monster.
- **Jim Henson's The Dark Crystal: Creation**

• **House of Mystery: The Bronze Age Omnibus Volume 1 HC**, collecting *House of Mystery* #s 174-200.

• **Impulse by Mark Waid & Humberto Ramos Omnibus HC**, collecting *Impulse* #s 1-27 and more.

• **Injustice: Gods Among Us Year One Deluxe Edition Book One HC**, collecting issues #1-12 and *Annual #1*, plus a new introduction by Tom Taylor and never-before-published behind-the-scenes content.

• **Justice League of America Volume 5: Deadly Fable TP**, collecting *Justice League of America* #s 22-29.

• **Justice League Volume 7: Justice Lost TP**, collecting *Justice League* #s 39-43.

• **Justice League: No Justice TP**, collecting the four-issue weekly series and the story from *DC Nation #0*.

• **Nightwing Volume 6: The Untouchable TP**, collecting *Nightwing* #s 35-43.

• **The United States of Murder Inc Volume 1: Truth TP**, collecting *The United States of Murder* #s 1-6.

• **Scooby Apocalypse Volume 4 TP**, collecting *Scooby Apocalypse* #s 19-24.

• **Super Sons Volume 3: Parent Trap TP**, collecting *Super Sons* #s 13-16 & *Annual #1*.

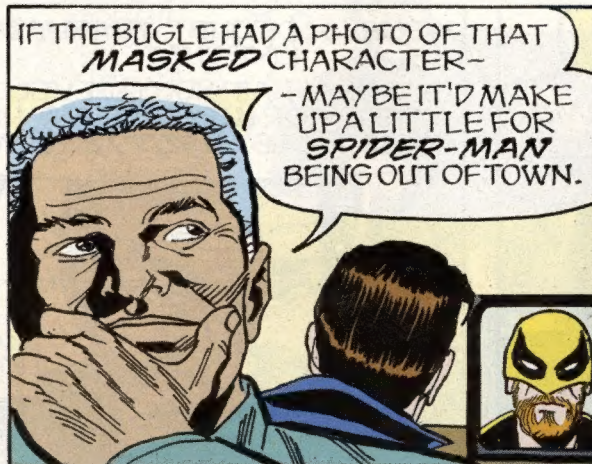
• **The Silencer Volume 1: Code of Honor TP**, collecting *Silencer* #s 1-6.

• **Titans Book One: Together Forever TP**, collecting *Titans* #s 1-11 and *Titans East Special #1* from 2008.

• **Titans Volume 4: Titans Apart TP**, collecting *Titans* #s 19-22 & *Annual #2*.

• **Watchmen (DC Modern Classics Edition) HC**, a hardcover edition presented in a handsome slipcase.

• **Wonder Woman Volume 6: Children of the Gods TP**, collecting *Wonder Woman* #s 31-37.



Myths Boxed Set, collected in one set for the first time.

- *Kong on the Planet of the Apes TP*, collecting the six-issue series.
- *Mech Cadet Yu Volume 2 TP*, collecting *Mech Cadet Yu* #s 5–8.
- *Peanuts Dell Archive HC*, collecting the 1950s Dell *Peanuts* comics that have been out of print for over half a century.
- *Rugrats Volume 2 TP*, collecting *Rugrats* #s 5–8.
- *WWE: Then. Now. Forever. Volume 2 TP*, collecting *WWE* #s 9–12.



Coming Comics—Valiant in August

Bloodshot travels from the depths of the Deadside to the far-flung future of 4002 AD to save his daughter's life in *Bloodshot Salvation* #12 (by Jeff Lemire & Doug Braithwaite)... and spare her the murderous inheritance of the nanites that flow through both their veins. Now, stranded at the crossroads of the 41st century with one last mission between them and freedom, the question will finally be answered: Was it all for naught?

The mystery of the Roman Empire's missing relics deepens into a deadly new case for Antonius Axia, history's first detective and the ancient world's sole possessor of the secrets of deduction and psychology, in *Britannia: Lost Eagles of Rome* #2 (by Peter Milligan & Robert Gill). Now, Axia is on the hunt to recover the empire's treasure by any means... and the trail is about to lead him directly into the mystical kingdom of Egypt!

The long-brewing battle between Valiant's greatest icons finally reaches the stratosphere—literally—in *Harbinger Wars 2* #4 (by Matt Kindt & Tomas Giorello), and out of the ashes, a new order for the Valiant Universe will arise.

In Margaret Thatcher's Britain, meet the future of espionage: the hard-hitting, brutalizing superspy codenamed Ninja-H. From the encrypted files of the Ninja Programme, another secret chapter is revealed in *Ninja-K* #10 (by Christos Gage & Larry Stroman).

Jack Boniface has traversed across the centuries in search of the origin of the Shadowman's curse—and now he's heading all the way back to the beginning of mankind in *Shadowman* #6 (by Andy Diggle & Renato Guedes)! Standing beside his ancestors in the kill-or-be-killed world of primordial Africa,

Jack is about to awaken something ancient, hungry, inhuman... and, as darkness descends, the long-hidden face of the Shadowman loa will be known!

Valiant collected editions include:

- *Bloodshot Salvation Volume 2: The Book of the Dead TP*, collecting *Bloodshot Salvation* #s 6–9.
- *X-O Manowar Compendium One TP*, collecting *X-O Manowar* (2012) #s 1–29, *Unity* (2013) #s 1–4, and *Armor Hunters* #s 1–4.

Coming Comics—Image in August

Perdy loves two things: sex and robbing banks. After spending fifteen years in Yuma prison, she wastes no time in getting back to doing both in *Kickli's Perdy Volume 1 HC*. A lot has changed since Perdy's been away—especially her looks—but that's not gonna stop her from piecing together the biggest score of gold this side of the border. And if anyone gets in her way, they'll be pushing up petunias.

Ten years ago, Dan Kerr turned his back on his wife and unborn daughter. Now, both mother and child have gone missing, and Dan must face cosmic terrors to find them again in *Cold Spots* #1 (by Cullen Bunn & Mark Torres). He soon finds that ghosts stir when his estranged daughter is near. And as the dead grow restless, the cold deepens...

Ten minutes in the future, the world runs on an economy of job shares and apps, including Reap: a crowdfunding platform to fund assassinations. Charlie Ellison leads a quiet, normal life until she's suddenly targeted by a million-dollar Reap campaign in *Crowded* #1 (by Christopher Sebela, Ro Stein, & Ted Brandt). Hunted by all of Los Angeles, Charlie hires Vita, the lowest-rated bodyguard on the Dfend app. As the campaign picks up speed, they'll have to figure out who wants Charlie dead before the campaign's thirty days—or their lives—are over.

See: Sizzajee's sinister sorcerers sweating their way through the sunny, sultry, summer-time season back in the Hole World in *Curse Words Summer Swimsuit Special* #1 (by Charles Soule & Joe Qinones). See: a hogtaur in a Speedo! See: an invisible wizard with a sunburn! See: such sights! Such glorious sights!

Ezekiel Jenkins just wants to forget his past. Unfortunately, now that he's returned to his family's farm, that's going to be damn near impossible. And if dealing with his own demons isn't enough, today he'll be dealing with a few of his father's as well in *Rob Guillory's Farmhand* #2.

Poor Ryan DeLuca didn't buy enough beer for his party, and while he was out on a beer run his idiot buddies busted out some mystical arcana and performed a summoning ceremony—a ceremony that summoned a giant mon-

ster from hell! See what Ryan does about it in *Leviathan* #1 (by John Layman, Nick Pitarra, & Michael Garland).

Follow the timely and terrifying adventures of the worst president in the history of the United States of America in *Li'l Donnie Volume 1: Executive Privilege HC*, a collection of the first year of Mike Norton's webcomic.

With each wizard brutally murdered, Madame Albany comes another step closer to seizing the dark power of the Orichalcum as her own in *Magic Order* #3 (by Mark Millar & Olivier Coipel). The next kill on her list: Leonard Moonstone. Is her gruesome assassin powerful enough to destroy the leader of the Magic Order?

When a postgraduate student discovers a way to unlock information hidden deep in our "junk DNA," parts of bio-schematics and other pieces of baffling data are found in *Stairway Volume 1*, an original graphic novel by Matt Hawkins & Raffaele Ienco. This discovery triggers the largest scientific initiative since the Manhattan Projects, with teams of scientists working to collect and collate this information. But will they find a stairway to heaven, or will they unleash something that will kill us all?



Artists and writers, con men and clowns, ganefs and gangsters create the foundations of today's biggest entertainment business—or at least the tail that wags the dog. Some of it really happened, and the names have been changed to protect the innocent and guilty... although in the end, everyone was guilty of something. Find out what in Howard Chaykin's *Hey Kids! Comics!* #1.

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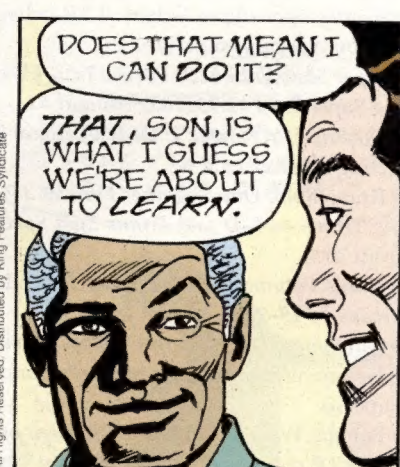
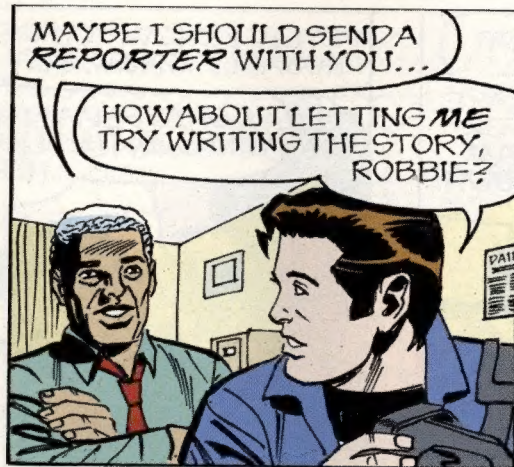
- *Age of Bronze Volume 1: A Thousand Ships*

TP, presenting Eric Shanower's *Age of Bronze* #s 1–9 in full color for the first time ever!

- *Black Cloud Volume 2: No Return TP*, collecting *Black Cloud* #s 6–10.
- *Cyber Force: Rebirth Volume 4 TP*, collecting part two of the Line Webtoon *Cyber Force* webcomic.
- *Deadly Class Volume 7: Love Like Blood TP*, collecting *Deadly Class* #s 32–35.
- *Dry County Complete TP*, collecting *Dry County* #s 1–5.
- *East of West Volume 8 TP*, collecting *East of West* #s 35–38.



- *Elsewhere Volume 2 TP*, collecting *Elsewhere* #s 5–8.
- *Fear Agent Final Edition Volume 3 TP*, collecting *Fear Agent* #s 22–32.
- *I Hate Fairyland Volume 4 TP*, collecting *I Hate Fairyland* #s 16–20.
- *Kill or Be Killed Volume 4 TP*, collecting *Kill or Be Killed* #s 15–20.
- *Postal Volume 7 TP*, collecting *Postal* #25, *Postal: Mark*, and *Postal: Laura*.
- *Prism Stalker Volume 1 TP*, collecting *Prism Stalker* #s 1–5.
- *Rose Volume 2 TP*, collecting *Rose* #s 7–12.
- *Sex Criminals Volume 5: Five-Fingered Discount TP*, collecting *Sex Criminals* #s 21–25.
- *Stray Bullets: Sunshine and Roses Volume 2 TP*, collecting *Stray Bullets: Sunshine and Roses* #s 9–16.
- *Twisted Romance TP*, collecting *Twisted Romance* #s 1–4.



Coming Comics— Dark Horse in August

When Team Avatar return to Earthen Fire Industries, the factory owned by Toph's father, they find that the once-small town is now booming, yet a strange mood hangs over its residents. When Aang is asked to join a business council meeting, the reason becomes clear: A massive bender vs non-bender conflict is threatening to turn violent in *Avatar: The Last Airbender—Imbalance Part One TP*, by Faith Erin Hicks & Peter Wartman.

In *Beasts of Burden: Wise Dogs and Eldritch Men #1* (by Evan Dorkin & Benjamin Dewey), a heroic pack of canines known as the Wise Dogs set off on a mission to clean up a Pennsylvania corridor plagued by seemingly unrelated occult disturbances that include a fire salamander and a horde of mutant lurkers. A link is found among the various disturbances, leading our heroes to a mountain village inhabited by a survivalist witch-cult that has discovered the existence of a "Blood Lure," attracting occult forces, creatures, and many more terrors to Burden Hill!

Teen schoolgirl Anne unexpectedly inherits a mysterious locket and a crumbling English mansion estate from her long-lost aunt in *Conspiracy of Ravens HC*. She unearths the family secret that she's part of a magical legacy that gives her fantastic abilities, and she isn't the only girl whose family is involved. But not all the girls are so willing to use their new powers for good...

Elsa and Anna are ready to get to the bottom of things when the peace of their beloved kingdom is disrupted: A wild animal is loose in the village; there is destruction in the forest, and tension is brewing in a nearby kingdom. Luckily this queen and princess will have the help of Olaf, Kristoff, and a mysterious young woman in *Disney's Frozen: Breaking Boundaries #1* (by Joe Caramagna & Kawaii Creative Studio).



Princess Jasmine loves Rajah, her new tiger cub. But living in the palace has rules, and Rajah finds them difficult to follow! He ruins pillows with his claws, knocks over plants, chases the palace peacock, and wakes Jasmine in the middle of the night with his yowling. If Jasmine can't teach Rajah to behave better, her father the Sultan will send Rajah away to live with someone else! Will they learn how to follow the rules together in time? Find out in *Disney Princess: Jasmine's New Pet* (by Nidhi Chanani).

Comic Shop News



Do you or someone you know need an exorcist who works cheap? Reigen's your guy! What's his secret to busting ghosts while keeping prices low? Well, first, he's a fraud, and second, he pays the guy who's got the real psychic power—his student assistant Shigeo—less than minimum wage. See them in action in *Mob Psycho 100 Volume 1 TP* (by One, the creator of *One Punch Man*).

When Dr Zomboss and Crazy Dave find themselves members of the same book club, a literary war is inevitable in *Plants vs Zombies: War and Peas HC*, (by Paul Tobin & Brian Churilla).

From the islands of the South Pacific to the mountains of Afghanistan, the Hunters go wherever the Predators appear—even if it's in a warzone and into conflict with a mysterious government group hunting the same prey! Despite the casualties suffered during their first mission, the Predator Hunters are on the prowl again in *Predator: Hunters II #1* (by Chris Warner, Agustin Padilla, & Neeraj Menon).

Astra is an idealistic journalist who stumbles into the story of a lifetime, only to realize that if she reports it, she'll destroy the last hope of a dying world. How far will she go to get her story? Find out in *The Seeds #1* (by Ann Nocenti & David Aja).

After being forced to leave her space-colony home when her dad was fired, Amy starts to adapt to a new life on Earth in Stephen McCranie's *Space Boy Volume 2 TP*. High school seems difficult at first, but a close group of friends begins to make the transition easy for Amy, and she finds herself falling down a rabbit hole in her relationship with the mysterious, flavorless Oliver.



Follow Spider-Man every week in Comic Shop News!

The Super Mario Bros Encyclopedia is jam-packed with content from all seventeen Super Mario games and spans more than thirty years of the franchises history.

Two Terminators went back in time to 1984: one to kill Sarah Connor, and another targeting NYPD Officer Lucy Castro, a rookie cop assigned to one of the worst sections of the city. Isolated and unable to call for backup, Castro faces off against the relentless T800, relying on unlikely allies to see her through to dawn, in *Terminator: Sector War #1* (by Brian Wood & Jeff Stokely).

The title of *Trollhunter* weighs heavy on the shoulders of Jim Lake Jr—as does his new title of "boyfriend"—and it has led him to a crisis of identity. To help, the Trolls review the misadventures of six previous Trollhunters who also questioned themselves in *Trollhunters: Tales of Arcadia—The Felled TP* (by Richard Ashley Hamilton, Timothy Green II, Omar Lozano, & Joe Silver).

The Persian Empire is vast beyond imagining. It seems destined to last a thousand years... But a whirlwind comes from the west—the greatest warlord the world will ever know: Alexander! Witness him in action in *Frank Miller's Xerxes: The Fall of the House of Darius and the Rise of Alexander #5*.



Yoshitaka Amano: *The Illustrated Biography—Beyond the Fantasy HC* contains nearly 400 illustrations and photos from the incredible career of *Final Fantasy* designer Yoshitaka Amano—a journey that began with his first job at 15, working on *Speed Racer*!

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- *Aliens: The Essential Comics Volume 1 TP*, collecting the initial *Aliens* trilogy—*Outbreak*, *Nightmare Asylum*, and *Earth War*.
- *Black Hammer Library Edition Volume 1 HC*, collecting the first two volumes of *Black Hammer* and *Black Hammer Giant-Sized Annual* with a new cover, sketchbook extras, and more!

• *BPRD: Hell on Earth Volume 3 HC*, collecting *BPRD: Hell on Earth Vols 7–9* plus an expanded sketchbook section.

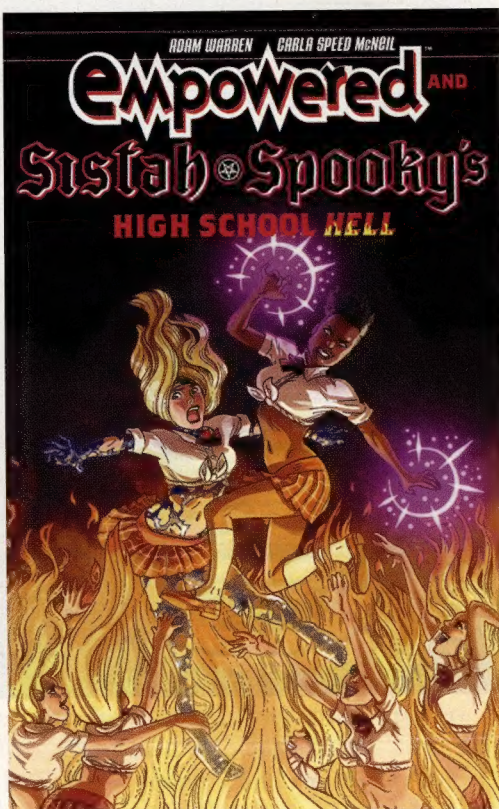
• *The Colossal Conan the Cimmerian HC*, collecting *Conan the Cimmerian #0–25* by Tim Truman, Tomas Giorello, and others.

• *The Complete Angel Catbird TP*, collecting *Angel Catbird Vols 1–3*.

• *Doctor Star and the Kingdom of Lost Tomorrows TP*, collecting *Doctor Star #s 1–4*.

• *Dragon Age Library Edition Volume 2 HC*, collecting *Dragon Age: Magekiller #s 1–5* and *Dragon Age: Knight Errant #s 1–5*.

• *EC Archives: The Haunt of Fear Volume 5 HC*, collecting *The Haunt of Fear #s 25–28*.



• *Empowered and Sistah Spooky's High School Hell TP*, collecting the six-issue miniseries.

• *The Flutter Collection TP*, collecting the entire *Flutter* saga in a single volume for the first time!

• *Harrow County Library Edition Volume 1 HC*, collecting *Harrow County #s 1–8*.

• *Harrow County Volume 8: Done Come Back TP*, collecting *Harrow County #s 29–332*.

• *Incognegro: Renaissance HC*, collecting the five-issue miniseries.

• *Moebius Library: Inside Moebius Part 3 HC*, collecting *Moebius Chapters 5 & 6*.

• *Sword Daughter Volume 1 HC*, collecting *Sword Daughter #s 1–3*.

• *The Witcher Library Edition HC*, collecting *Witcher: House of Glass*, *Fox Children*, *Curse of Crows*, and the *Killing Monsters* one-shot.

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